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SEYMOUR CANAL HERRING GILLNET SAC ROE FISHERY QUOTA FOR 2012 SEASON

Douglas. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following concerning the 2012 Seymour Canal gillnet sac roe herring fishery:

Seymour Canal (Section 11-D): The Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) for the Seymour Canal sac roe fishery is **1,287** tons. This GHL is based upon a 3,000 ton threshold level, a forecast mature spawning biomass of 9,135 tons, and a harvest rate of 14.1%. The forecast indicates the spawning stock will consist of 9% age-3, 15% age-4, 20% age-5, 9% age-6, 25% age-7, and 21% age-8+.

Hobart Bay/Port Houghton (District 10): There will be no commercial fishery. The spawning biomass is forecasted to be 599 tons, which is below the threshold of 2,000 tons that allows for a fishery.

The Board of Fish in January 2006 adopted regulatory language that allows a herring gillnet vessel with two permit holders on board to fish with a net not exceeding 75 fathoms. Fishers will be required to indicate their intention to fish a single or stacked permit when registering for this fishery.

A more detailed summary for all gillnet and purse seine sac roe fisheries will be available in the SOUTHEAST ALASKA SAC ROE HERRING MANAGEMENT PLAN due out in March 2012.

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